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**WORLD-RENOWNED EGYPTIAN ARCHEOLOGIST, DR. ZAHY HAWASS  
TO DELIVER RARE GUEST LECTURE (and Book Signing)  
AT UNION STATION  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> – 6:30 p.m.**

*Tickets on sale 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 7th*

**KANSAS CITY, MO** – May 6, 2014... Dr. Zahi Hawass, a world-renowned archaeologist, often referred to as Egypt's "Indiana Jones," will present a public lecture on Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at Union Station in the Regnier Extreme Screen Theater.

Held in conjunction with North American Premier of *The Discovery of King Tut* currently on exhibit in the Bank of America Gallery at Union Station, the event will mark a rare visit by Dr. Hawass to Kansas City. Following his lecture, "Adventures in Archeology" the floor will open for Q&A, followed by a special signing session for his book, *Discovering Tutankhamun - From Howard Carter to DNA*. Through a partnership between Premier Exhibitions, Inc. and Semmel Concerts GmbH ("Semmel") *The Discovery of King Tut has come to the United States* after being seen by over 5 million people in 20 host countries throughout Europe since its opening in 2008.

Tickets go on sale to the public Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. Lecture only tickets are \$15 or \$50 for the lecture, plus a copy of the extensive book and attendance at the signing session. Tickets are limited and may be purchased at the Union Station Ticket Office or online at [www.unionstation.org](http://www.unionstation.org)

Dr. Hawass began his career as an inspector of antiquities and rose to the height of the profession in Egypt, becoming Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, as well as the first Minister of State for Antiquities. A tireless advocate for archaeological exploration and conservation of Egypt's extraordinary ancient monuments, he is also the author of more than 150 scholarly articles and 40 scholarly and popular books.

"To bring the one and only Dr. Zahi Hawass to Kansas City is a unique and exciting opportunity," George Guastello, president and CEO of Union Station Kansas City, said. "As *The Discovery of King Tut* at Union Station attracts record numbers of visitors of all ages, we know that with his dynamic personality and extensive knowledge, Dr. Hawass will raise even more awareness and enthusiasm for archaeology and the preservation of Egypt's rich and fascinating heritage."

Dr. Hawass has sparked interest about ancient Egypt through his many appearances in documentaries for the BBC, Discovery Channel, National Geographic, the History Channel, PBS, and The Learning Channel. National Geographic has produced a film on his life and work. Dr. Hawass received his PhD in 1987 from the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied as a Fulbright Fellow.

**About Union Station Kansas City, Inc.** On October 30, 2014, Union Station Kansas City will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. This majestic landmark opened and was dedicated on October 30, 1914. During its opening ceremony, Union Station was heralded as one of the most beautiful train stations in the country and that tradition continues today. Events will be scheduled throughout 2014 to commemorate the anniversary with the culmination being a community open house the weekend of November 1st.

A historical landmark and civic asset renovated and reopened to the public in 1999, the organization, driven by its mission of science and history education and entertainment, features a science center, the popular Model Railroad Experience open year round, new planetarium, one of the region's largest screen movie theaters, live theater, shops, restaurants and home to prominent area civic organizations and businesses. Visit [unionstation.org](http://unionstation.org) for details. Union Station was named the Kansas City's favorite landmark and as one of the top five museums and attractions in Kansas City by the KCCVA Visitors' Choice Awards. Science City was named the favorite museum by KC Parent magazine.

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**About Semmel Concerts GmbH** -- Semmel Concerts GmbH, founded in 1991 by Dieter Semmelmann, is now one of the biggest promoters in Germany, presenting more than 1,000 events a year. Whether pop, folk or rock music, or a musical or a show, or else an international exhibition or a cabaret or comedy show, everything that is good and brings people pleasure has a place under the Semmel Concerts logo. A highly-qualified team of more than 100 employees look after the needs of artists and partners alike. In addition to its headquarters in Bayreuth, Semmel Concerts also has several branch offices, including one in Berlin. Since 2000, Semmel Concerts has been part of the listed ticketing service provider, CTS Eventim AG.

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